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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: SMALL ARMS IML-1

REF: A. STATE 231152

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C. COCOM DOCS. REV (74) 4 AND 9

1. BELGIUM PROPOSAL RE NOTE (1): DISCUSSION RE 9MM PARABELLUM (HEREAFTER "9P") PISTOLS ENGENDERED LONG TECHNICAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN US AND BELGIANS DELS WITH FORMER MAKING THE POINT THAT 9MM PARABELLUM'S ARE A MILITARY ARM EVEN IN PEACETIME WITH LATTER ARGUING THE SELF-DEFENSE ASPECTS AND THAT EE'S HAVE OWN SIDE ARM SYSTEMS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH 9P. THE UK GOT INTO THE ACT SAYING THAT WHILE IT COULD ACCEPT THE FACT THAT 9P HAVE MILITARY USE, THAT USE IS NOT SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH TO RETAIN THEM UNDER EMBARGO, ESPECIALLY IN PEACETIME. UK SIDE-STEPPED PERSONAL QUESTION FROM USDEL RE WHETHER HE (OR OTHER DELS) COULD IDENTIFY 9P PISTOL DESIGNED EXPRESSLY FOR CIVIL USE BY SAYING QUESTION NOT RELEVANT, CRITERIA IS WHETHER THIS PISTOL IS STRATEGIC IN NATURE. USDEL COUNTERED BY QUOTING FROM CRITERION (A), WHICH DEALS INTER ALIA WITH "ARMS, AMMUNITION OR IMPLEMENTS OF WAR", EXPRESSING VIEW THAT SUCH PISTOLS WOULD BY DEFINITION MEET THIS CRITERION.

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THE FRENCH FOR A CHANGE, REMAINED SILENT DURING THE

EXCHANGE AFTER NOTING THAT 9 MM IS THE LIMIT FOR SELF-DEFENSE AND, THEREFORE, SUPPORTS THIS BELGIAN PROPOSAL. THE DUTCH DISAGREED WITH THE PROPOSAL, NOTING THAT PAST DISCUSSION HAD PUT THE CIVIL VS. MILITARY LEVEL BELOW 9P. BOX SCORE: (1) FOR--ITALY, GERMANY, CANADA, FRANCE, UK (2) OPEN-MINDED: JAPAN; (3) OPPOSE--US AND NETHERLANDS.

2. FRENCH PROPOSAL RE MOU (B): FRENCH PROPOSAL AS AMENDED BY US REWORDING (REF B) ACCEPTED BY ALL PC'S.

3. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON BELGIAN PROPOSAL ON NOTE 2.

4. SUBSEQUENT READING OF COCOM DOC. 2869.27 INDICATES THAT WHEN STRATEGIC CRITERIA WERE ADOPTED, THERE WAS NO AGREEMENT ON THEIR APPLICABILITY TO IML AND AEL ITEMS. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, USDEL PROPOSES TO HAVE THIS POINT ADDED, AFTER THE FACT, TO PERTINENT RECORDS OF DISCUSSION WHEN DRAFTS ARE BEING CLEARED. TURNER

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